

REMARKS

Claims 1-4 are pending in the application.

Claims 1-4 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Nishida et al., U.S. Publication No. 2002/0127408 (“Nishida”), in view of Kumazawa et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,472,798 (“Kumazawa”).

Applicants submit herewith a Declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132 executed by Yuki Hongo, one of the inventors of the present application, to overcome the § 103 rejection over Nishida in view of Kumazawa.

It is clear from the Declaration that the claimed light transmitting hard coat film for use in touch panels provides unexpectedly superior adhesion between the high refractive index layer and the low refractive index layer as well as unexpectedly superior total light transmittance as compared with Nishida and Kumazawa.

In view of the Declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132, Applicants submit that the claimed invention would not be obvious over Nishida and Kumazawa. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the rejection.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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